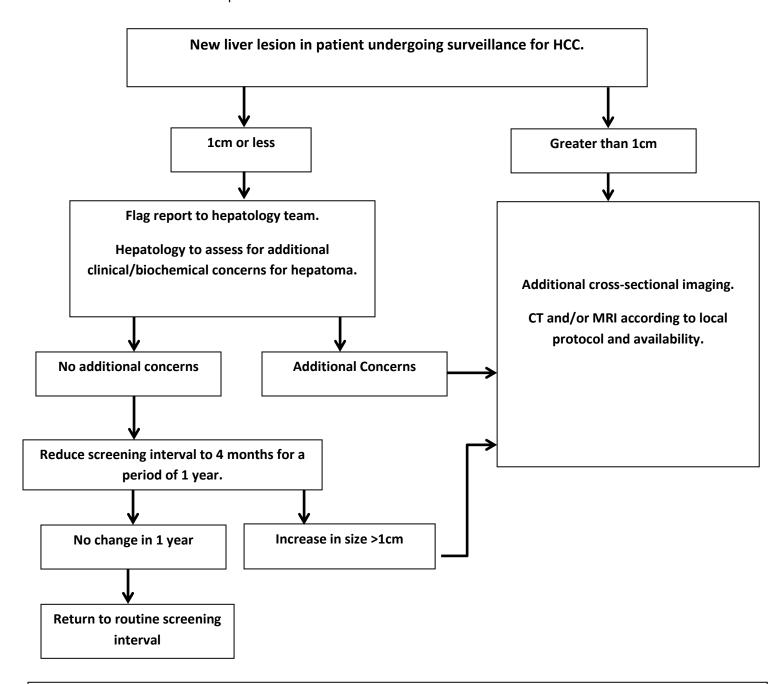
Ultrasound management of liver nodules found during ultrasound surveillance for chronic liver disease.

- Ultrasound is commonly used in surveillance for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) in patients with chronic liver disease.
- With increasing ultrasound equipment quality and ultrasound expertise, small (<1cm) solitary nodules are being more frequently detected. Definitive characterisation of these lesions is difficult with any imaging modality.
- This algorithm aims to standardise ultrasound management where a liver lesion has been discovered during routine surveillance of patients with chronic liver disease.



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